

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 10-17 have been withdrawn. The Applicants confirm that the inventorship for the remaining claims has not changed.

With regard to the species, the Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-9 and 18-20). Applicants withdraw the claims of Group II (claims 10-17).

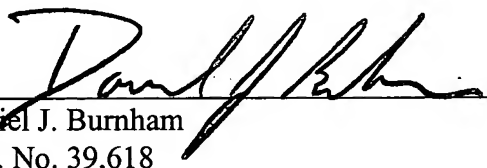
Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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